

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) ~~Dye A dye~~ carrier composition containing oxidative and/or nonoxidative dyes, ~~characterized in that it contains~~ comprising a combination of
 - (a) 6.1 to 25 weight percent of at least one fatty alcohol with 14 to 20 carbon atoms,
 - (b) 1 to 20 weight percent of at least one fatty alkanolamide and
 - (c) 1 to 15 weight percent of at least one fatty alcohol alkoxylate and/or fatty acid alkoxylate,wherein the weight ratio of fatty alcohol (a) to alkanolamide (b) ~~being equal to~~ is from 4:1 to 1:3 and at the same time the weight ratio of fatty alcohol (a) to alkoxylate (c) ~~being equal to~~ is from 5:1 to 1:2.
2. (currently amended) ~~Dye The dye~~ carrier composition as defined in claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the fatty alcohol (a) and the fatty acid alkanolamide (b) are present in a weight ratio of from 3:1 to 1:2 and at the same time the weight ratio of fatty alcohol (a) to alkoxylate (c) is equal ~~to~~ from 4:1 to 1:1.5.
3. (currently amended) ~~Dye The dye~~ carrier composition as defined in claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the fatty alcohol (a) and fatty acid alkanolamide (b) are present in a weight ratio of from 2.5:1 to 1:1 and at the same time the weight ratio of fatty alcohol (a) to alkoxylate (c) is from 3:1 to 1:1.
4. (currently amended) ~~Dye The dye~~ carrier composition as defined in claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the fatty alcohol (a) is selected from ~~among the group consisting of~~ cetyl alcohol, stearyl alcohol, myristyl alcohol, isooctyl alcohol, isotridecyl alcohol and mixtures of these compounds.

5. (currently amended) ~~Dye~~ The dye carrier composition as defined in claim 1, ~~characterized in that wherein the~~ alkanol-amide (b) is selected from among the N-acyl derivatives of monoethanolamine or diethanolamine and the esters of monoethanolamine and diethanolamine.

6. (currently amended) ~~Dye~~ The dye carrier composition as defined in one of claims 1 to 5, ~~characterized in that wherein the~~ alkoxylate (c) is selected from the group consisting of fatty alcohol polyalkylene glycol ethers and fatty acid polyalkylene glycol esters with 8 to 30 carbon atoms in the fatty alcohol group or fatty acid group and with 2 to 300 alkylene glycol units in the polyalkylene glycol group.

7. (currently amended) ~~Dye~~ The dye carrier composition as defined in claim 1, ~~characterized in that it wherein the dye carrier composition~~ contains component (a) in a total amount from 6.1 to 25 weight percent.

8. (currently amended) ~~Dye~~ The dye carrier composition as defined in claim 1, ~~characterized in that it wherein the dye carrier composition~~ contains component (b) in a total amount from 1 to 20 weight percent.

9. (currently amended) ~~Dye~~ The dye carrier composition as defined in claim 1, ~~characterized in that it wherein the dye carrier composition~~ contains component (c) in a total amount from 1 to 15 weight percent.

10. (currently amended) ~~Dye~~ The dye carrier composition as defined in claim 1, ~~characterized in that besides wherein, in addition to the compounds of component (c) it the dye carrier composition additionally comprises~~ contains ~~additionally~~ other nonionic and/or amphoteric ~~surfactants~~ surfactants.

11. (currently amended) ~~Dye~~ The dye carrier composition as defined in claim 1, ~~characterized in that it wherein the dye carrier composition~~ is free of monomeric quaternary ammonium compounds and cationic emulsifiers and surfactants.

12. (currently amended) ~~Agent~~ An agent for oxidative coloring of hair, ~~characterized in that it wherein the agent~~ is obtained by mixing a dye carrier composition as defined in claim 1 with an oxidant.

13. (currently amended) ~~Agent~~ The agent as defined in claim 12, ~~characterized in that wherein~~
the oxidant is hydrogen peroxide.

14. (canceled)